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## **Shuster Secures \$300,000 in Federal Funding for the Franklin County Emergency Services Alliance**

*Washington, D.C.*- **Congressman Bill Shuster** is pleased to announce that he has secured \$300,000 in funding for the Franklin County Emergency Services Alliance.

"This \$300,000 will help the Alliance upgrade critical communications equipment. I am pleased to have been able to play a part in this much needed project," **Shuster** said. "In March, I stood with members of the Alliance to present them with \$500,000 I secured to begin the process of upgrading their communications equipment. This additional \$300,000 will help to complete the project."

Over the past year, Franklin County first responders have been working to upgrade their existing communications systems to make them interoperable with all police, fire, EMS departments in the County in conjunction with improvements to the Franklin County 911 Center.

The addition of this new equipment has allowed Franklin County first responders to coordinate more effectively within their communities as well as develop the capability to communicate with their federal counterparts in times of emergency in nearby metropolitan areas. The \$300,000 Shuster secured will enable Franklin County to complete its purchase of this important equipment.

"Franklin County Emergency Services Alliance, on behalf of the citizens of the county, is very appreciative of being considered in the appropriations process," said **Anna Swailes**, with the Metal Township Supervisors. "The Alliance is very glad to assist the hard working folks that volunteer their time in such a vital service to the community. Everyone benefits from this project!"

The original \$500,000 in funding announced by Shuster in March enabled the Emergency Services Alliance to place an order for 160 Project 25 Compliant radio units to complement the Franklin County 911 Centers new digital trunking system, scheduled to be operational in the spring of 2010.

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